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SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

## Banks.

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... \$500,000

#### HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman, Esq.,  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,  
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,  
Chow Tung Shang, Esq.,  
W. Wotton, Esq.,  
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON:—

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent, Palmer & Co.  
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery & Co.  
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallam.  
Geo. Munro, Manager.

#### Bankers:—

London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)  
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

#### SHANGHAI.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.  
His Ex. Hui Fu Yuen, Esq.,  
Ma Kie Tchung, Esq.,  
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.,  
C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.  
Amoy—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

Yokohama—D. FRASER, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills purchased and collected. Advances made on Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 " "

For Rates of Interest for other periods apply to the Manager.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1892. [8]

### THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £2,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £500,000

#### LONDON:

Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street.  
West End Office.....25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT. Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE. ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

E. W. RUTTER, Manager. [7]

## Insurances.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or at death if previous may be secured by a payment at the rate of:—

£ 7	10	6	per quarter if commenced at age (a. b.)	20
8	14	2	"	25
10	11	2	"	30
13	4	10	"	35
17	15	6	"	40
27	12	6	"	45

AFTER the Policy has been three years in force—the Policy-holder will be entitled to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to discontinue payment of premiums.

DODWELL, CARILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong.

932—2] STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

### THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

ASSETS OVER \$1,000,000.00.

Policies absolutely non-forfeitable. No restrictions as to Residence or Travelling. Rates of premium low.

Policies issued on all approved Forms.

For further particulars apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents for Hongkong.

23rd February, 1892. [240]

#### NOTICE.

### THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

This above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

#### HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, OFFICE ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [149]

#### GENERAL NOTICE.

### THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAILS 600,000. \$833,333-33

RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Lee Siao, Esq., Lo Yuet Moon, Esq., Lo Yuet Shun, Esq.

MANAGER—HO ANEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c. taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 5 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1278]

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received instructions from the Liquidator of the "PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING CO., LD." to offer for Sale,

#### TO-MORROW,

the 12th day of March, 1892, at 3 o'clock p.m., on the Premises, in One Lot,

#### THE FOLLOWING

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situated at Victoria Gap, and on which stands the magnificent Building known as the

#### "PEAK HOTEL."

All that portion of the PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate near the Gap, Victoria Peak, in the Colony of Hongkong, Registered in the Land Office as Farm Lot No. 53, abutting on the North side thereof on the Premises next hereafter described and measuring thereon respectively 148 feet 4 inches or thereabouts, and 115 feet 4 inches or thereabouts on the South side thereof on other portion of the said Farm Lot No. 53 and measuring thereon 218 feet 2 inches or thereabouts on the East side thereof on other portion of the said Farm Lot No. 53 and measuring thereon 118 feet 0 inches or thereabouts, and on the West side thereof on Ground being the Premises lastly hereinafter described and measuring thereon respectively 220 feet and 3 inches or thereabouts and 20 feet and 4 inches or thereabouts and which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is Registered in the Land Office as Section A of Farm Lot No. 53. And all that portion of the Piece or Parcel of Ground Registered as Section A of Extension of Farm Lot No. 53, known and Registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of Section A of Extension of Farm Lot No. 53. The above Pieces of Ground are shown on the Sale Plan and thereon coloured Red and Blue and contain altogether an area of 60,000 square feet.

And also the right to all the Extension of Section A Farm Lot No. 53, more particularly shown on the Sale Plan and thereon coloured Yellow containing an area of 9,300 square feet. Together with the Messuages, Erections and Buildings thereon known as the "PEAK HOTEL." The Purchaser will, on surrendering the whole of the above Premises, be entitled to one New Rural Building Lot Lease direct from the Crown for a term of 75 years from the 16th December, 1873, at the Crown Rental of \$45 per annum. For Sale Plan and further particulars, apply to

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Vendor,

Supreme Court House,

or to

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer,

Hongkong, 1st March, 1892. [272]

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. F. RAPP has received instructions to Sell by

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

(without reserve, to the highest bidder), ON

#### SATURDAY,

the 19th day of March, 1892, at Noon, at the OFFICES of the AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL

and BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central

(if not previously disposed of by Private Contract).

#### VALUABLE LEASEHOLD

PROPERTY, being Nos. 1 to 11, MOUNTAIN VIEW, the PEAK, VICTORIA, in the Colony of HONGKONG, and situated on Rural Building Lot No. 60 and the Remaining Portion of Rural Building Lot No. 18.

These premises are held for the residue of two several terms of 75 years and 75 years respectively from the 10th day of December, 1877, and the 28th day of February, 1882, respectively granted therein, subject to the payment of the proportion of Crown Rents payable in respect thereof and the performance of the Crown Covenants to be performed in respect thereof, and subject also to the existing lettings and tenancies there of.

These Houses are situate on one of the finest sites in the Hill District known as Mountain View, and face the Harbour on the North, the Ladrone Islands on the South, and command views of the finest scenery the island and its surroundings afford.

The Houses are exceptionally cool in Summer, and are externally built of Amoy brick. With a little outlay of money they could be rendered as attractive externally as they are well appointed and comfortable internally. Nos. 1 and 11 each contain six good sized dwelling rooms, and the remaining houses five. They are provided with bath rooms and all necessary out-fittings. Gas is laid on.

The Sale offers to Hongkong residents, desirous of living in their own homes, an opportunity which is not likely to occur again.

The Vendors have arranged for part of the Purchase Money to remain on Mortgage, in the case of approved Purchasers by them, but the balance of the Purchase Money must be paid in cash. The Auctioneers, Limited, will not be accepted in lieu of cash.

The Houses will be sold in one lot or separate Lots, comprising one house each, at the option of the Vendors. For further particulars, Sale Plan, and Conditions of Sale, apply to

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED; WOTTON & DEACON, Solicitors to the Vendors;

F. RAPP, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1892. [305]

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE style of the Firm of POATE & NOBLE, DENTAL SURGEONS, has been changed to "Dr. J. W. NOBLE" and will be represented as under:—

JOSEPH W. NOBLE Hongkong and

HERBERT D. REQUA Singapore.

CHAS. L. SNYDER

HERBERT POATE 35, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London, W.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1892. [259]

#### NOTICE.

WE have this day authorized Mr. CARL WILHELM LONGUET to sign our

Firm per procuration.

KRUSE & Co. Hongkong, 1st March, 1892. [370]

## Intimations.

### W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST DELIVERIES OF

LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S

STRAW HATS.

NEW SUMMER SILKS. NEW WHITE DRESS GOODS. NEW PRINTS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1892.

THE

### HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.

—( )—

TELEPHONE, No. 32.

—( )—

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES AND SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continuously on duty.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

R. TUCKER, Manager. [198]

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

#### FOR SALE.

HOUSE LAMPS, STREET LAMPS,

VERANDAH LAMPS, SHIPS' LAMPS,

CHANDLERS' 4 or 6-Light Single and Double BRACKET LAMPS,

TABLE LAMPS, READING LAMPS, BEDROOM & NURSERY LAMPS,

WINDPROOF LAMPS, SAFETY LAMPS,

SHIPS' SALOON, CABIN, ENGINE ROOM and BULKHEAD LAMPS,

SPECIAL CARGO LAMPS,

CHAIR LAMPS, CARRIAGE and JINRICKSHA LAMPS, HAND LAMPS and LANTERNS,

GLOBES, CHIMNEYS, WICKS, SPARE BURNERS, FOUNTAINS, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1892. [29]

### CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety.

SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS and AMMUNITION.

PORPOISE-HIDE DARK, TAN RUSSIA-LEATHER & ENGLISH-CALF BOOTS & SHOES.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL, ELECTRICAL and ENGINEERING.

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.

18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1892. [42]

### CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

AND Commission Agents.

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE?

As an excellent Table Water? For General Debility? For Dyspepsia? For Gout? For Rheumatism? For a Nerve Tonic? For Biliousness after Excesses in Eating or Drinking? With Gin? With Claret? With Wine?

Takurudraka Natural Mineral Water Bottled at Takurudraka near Kobe, Japan. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty throughout the East. Testimonials can be seen on application.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1892.

CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD., Agents for Hongkong. [10]

### KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY, WHITAKER'S ALMANACK

THE BEST, THE MOST COMPLETE, THE CHEAPEST, and THE MOST USEFUL ALMANACK in Existence.

Paper Covers ..... \$0.40

Enlarged Edition, Bound ..... 1.00

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1892. [6]

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H.M. Naval Storekeeper to Sell by Public Auction on

#### WEDNESDAY,

the 16th March, 1892, at Noon, at H.M. Naval Yard,

SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING CONDEMNED STORES,

Comprising: PAPER STUFF, OLD IRON, HOSES, CHAIN CABLE, WIRE ROPE, CANVAS RAGS, PROVISIONS, CLOTHING AND IMPLEMENTS.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1892. [307]

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

#### WEDNESDAY,

the 16th March, 1892, at 2.15 p.m., at the Godowns of the M. M. Co., East Point.

A QUANTITY OF STORES & HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—CLARET in Cases, CLARET in Bottles, CANNED MEATS, PRESERVED GINGER, &c.

One 4-wheeled GIG, with Oars, Stanchions, Canvas covers, 1 pair Shear Legs and Chafin, 2 pairs Boat Davits, 1 Iron Tank, Garden Tools, Stone Roller, Water Cans, &c., &c.

and A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of:—CHAIRS, TABLES, SLIDING DOORS, IRON BEDSTEPS with Spring Mattresses, PILLOWS, TOILET TABLES, HAT STANDS, FIRE GUARDS, WRITING DESKS, OFFICE DESKS, VASES, AN AQUARIUM, AVIARY, BRONZE FIGURES, CLOCK, SHANGHAI RATH TUR, PERAMBULATOR, RICKSHA, CHIMNEY GLASS, FOWL and PIGEON HOUSE, WOODEN STANDS, SHELVES, &c., &c.

1 PIANO by Broadwood & Sons, Sundry Lot of PLANTS, FERNS, FRUIT TREES, PORCELAIN STANDS, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery.

GORDON & Co. Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1892. [296]

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

THE Committee of the HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB request the presence of the Ladies of Hongkong at the SPORTS on the Race Course, Happy Valley, TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, the 14th instant.

A. DENISON, Hon. Sec., H. K. A. C.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1892. [304]

### HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE SHORT RANGE Subscription Handicap CUP and SPOONS, will be Shot for TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at 3 p.m. Ranges—200 and 400 yards.

ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1892. [40]

### MISS STOLZ.

### MANICURE, CHIROPODIST

AN MASSAGE.

No. 8, COLLEGE CHAMBERS, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1892. [290]

### THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ninth Ordinary General Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 21st March, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to 21st instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1892. [274]

### NOTICE.

IMMEDIATELY after the above Meeting a MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held to consider the question of the forfeiture of certain Shares in the Company at present standing in the name of the late General Managers.

SHEWAN & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1892. [303]

### NOTICE.

### THE SHAMEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Adjourned EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above named Company, will be held in the Company's Office, No. 5, Pedder's Hill, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 14th day of March, 1892, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of declaring a Dividend, of electing a new Board of Directors, and of deciding various matters of great importance, details of which have been forwarded by circular to the address of every registered Shareholder.

Attention is specially directed to the election of Directors, to Article No. 101 of the Company's Articles of Association, which reads as follows:—

"No person not a retiring Director shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any General Meeting, unless he, or some other member intending to propose him, has at least seven clear days before the meeting left at the Office of the Company a notice in writing under his hand, signifying his candidature for the office or the intention of such member to propose him."



## Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
LIMITED,  
CHEMISTS, &c.  
COD LIVER OIL JELLY.

THIS is a sweet and exceedingly palatable  
Jelly easily retained and digested by the  
most delicate stomach. Children speedily grow  
fond of it and ask for more, and although it con-  
tains 50 per cent of the purest Cod Liver Oil, all  
its taste and flavour is entirely covered.

In glass jars at 7s. 6d.  
COD LIVER OIL, GENUINE  
NORWEGIAN.

This is without exception the finest oil that  
can be produced. Great care is taken in select-  
ing healthy livers only in its manufacture, and  
as we buy direct from the manufacturer, we are  
able to guarantee it 'Genuine'.

Per bottle, 7s. 6d. and 12s.  
COD LIVER OIL EMULSION.

A form in which the oil may be taken without  
difficulty by delicate patients and children.  
Per bottle, 7s. 6d.  
COD LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH  
HYPOPHOSPHITES (Lime and Soda).

A combination of great value in wasting dis-  
eases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory  
Organs.

Per bottle, 7s. 6d. Per dozen 82s.  
BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE.

For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such  
as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of  
the Chest, &c.

In bottles, 50 Cents and 1s.  
BALSAMIC COUGH LOZENGES.

A never failing remedy for Coughs.  
In bottles, 10 Cents.

Nov. 12 & 14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE invite attention to the following Brands,  
all of which are excellent quality and  
good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our  
London House, and bought direct from the most  
noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled  
by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best  
growths at moderate prices.

In ordering is only necessary to state the  
name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted,  
and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use).

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule.....	12	1.00
B. Vintage, superior, Red Capsule.....	12	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Cap- sule.....	14	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).....	18	1.50

SHERRIES.

A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule.....	6	0.60
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule.....	7.50	0.75
C. Mammillio, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule.....	10	1.00
CC. Superior Old Dry, Red Seal Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.....	10	1.10
D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule.....	12	1.10
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very fine quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bot- tled).....	14	1.25

CLARETS.

A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule.....	4	0.40
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule.....	4.50	0.50
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule.....	7	0.70
D. La Rose, Red Capsule.....	11	1.20

MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS  
IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

BRANDY.

A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule.....	13	1.20
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.....	15	1.40
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule.....	20	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule.....	30	2.50

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A. Thorne's Blend, White Cap- sule.....	8	0.75
B. Watson's Glenochy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75
C. Watson's Aboulin-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75
D. Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule.....	10	1.00
E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule.....	12	1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule.....	8	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	10	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	12	1.10
Genetie Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name.....	10	1.00

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A. Fine Old Tom, White Cap- sule.....	4.50	0.40
B. Fine Unswetened, White Capsule.....	4.50	0.40
C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva.....	5.25	0.50

RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule.....	12	1.00
Good Lecward Island.....	12	1.00

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine, Maraschino,  
Curacao, Cherry Cordial,  
Chartreuse, St. Sige's, Angostura,  
Bitters, &c.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1892.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1892.

OFFICIAL EFFICIENCY (P).

BALZAC is credited with the saying that  
"no one stays in the Government offices,  
under a bureaucracy, but idlers, incapables,  
and fools." And Balzac knew what he  
was talking about. Can this scathing  
criticism be fairly applied to the majority  
of the Government officers of Hongkong?  
Let us investigate. It will be admitted  
without discussion that the Government of  
this colony is a very powerfully-organised  
bureaucracy, with the Governor as a  
nominal head. Each department is inde-  
pendent, and ruled over by a chief whose  
powers are practically autocratic. Sir John  
Pope Hennessy temporarily checked this  
system and insisted on personally directing  
the working and bearing the responsibilities  
of the several public departments; but  
after his departure things were allowed to  
drift back into the old groove, and  
successive governors and administrators  
during the past ten years have been mere  
mouthpieces of their subordinates. The  
results of the change have not been  
encouraging so far as the interests of the  
community are concerned, as is very clearly  
evidenced by the lengthy chapter of gross  
misgovernment, ridiculous legislation, and  
scandalous extravagance in dealing with  
public moneys which is open to inspection  
in the archives of the Government and the  
columns of the daily newspapers. No  
doubt it would be unjust to say that all  
the responsible officers of the Hongkong  
Government are idlers, incapables, or fools;  
but it is equally certain that a very large  
majority of them can fairly and honestly  
be classified under one of these three  
heads, and the truth of this assertion is all  
but universally recognised. To-morrow  
we intend to lay before the readers of the  
Telegraph the facts in connection with the  
disgraceful Opium Farm bungling, a  
fiasco that, owing to the ignorance or  
incapacity of certain 'honorable' officials  
who posed as inspired authorities  
at that important source of revenue,  
has cost the colony something in the  
neighbourhood of \$50,000 per annum  
at the very lowest estimate; and in the  
meantime we will briefly relate a series of  
incidents in another matter of importance  
which will show how efficiently the colony  
is served by its vaunted high officials.

The Government Grants-in-aid to our  
local schools for the past year amounted  
to something like \$22,000, and on the 9th  
of February, Dr. E. J. EITZ, the Inspector  
of Schools, sent in detailed accounts and  
statements to the Audit Office. It  
appears that the routine is for the Audit  
Office to forward the accounts to the  
Colonial Secretary's department, then they  
are laid before the Governor for signature,  
and afterwards returned to the Treasury  
for payment. In any properly conducted  
commercial establishment all of this would  
have been carried through in the course  
of a few hours, but the TITZ BARNACLES  
of the Government offices are not business  
men, and their functions, if we may  
judge from their actions and parrot-like  
chatter, are mostly of an ornamental  
character. At all events a week  
passed and there was no sign of the  
Grant-in-aid accounts; the week became  
a fortnight, the fortnight a month—  
and then the patience of the persons  
to whom the money was due became  
exhausted, and complaints were made,  
which led to official inquiries. But Dr.  
EITZ's report and statement of accounts  
had as completely vanished as did friend  
JONAH when he became an inside passenger  
to the over-to-be-remember whale of  
biblical tradition. The Auditor had  
done his duty by promptly forwarding  
the documents to the Colonial Secretary,  
and then they disappeared—whether  
lost, or pigeon-holed, or something else,  
is a matter of uncertainty—but they  
disappeared and left no trace behind. It  
was then suggested that the Inspector of  
Schools should furnish a duplicate, and  
doubtless that, although a work of consider-  
able magnitude, was the only way out  
of the difficulty. But what about the gross  
and inexcusable carelessness displayed  
by responsible Government officials in a  
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We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dowell,  
Canill & Co.) that the "Shure" Line steamer  
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Kind-hearted Lady (visiting the gaol)—and  
what are you here for, my poor man?  
Mr. Booser (in a tone of melancholy)—For six  
months, madam.

A PARTY of Australian alluvial miners arrived  
at Singapore the other day, en route to Jelabu,  
where they are to assist in working the Jelabu  
Co.'s alluvial deposits.

UNLESS the veracity of New York journalists is to  
be doubted, a man in Michigan has been sound-  
ly sleeping for a matter of 130 days. Perhaps  
he is a Government official taking his holidays.

We hear that the Talkoo Refinery is once more  
at a partial stand still owing to lack of water.  
Half the boilers are in use, however, and should  
rain fall within the next few days the loss to the  
shareholders will not be very great at all.

TWENTY-FOUR warships of all classes are now  
in commission in the United States. There  
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pleting the navy with the best modern type of  
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EVANGELIST Moody objects to church fairs  
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evening. Opposite to him sat a well-known  
divine of the Church of Scotland. "Do you not  
think it wrong for men in your position to set  
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how much pleasanter home would be! Why  
should husband and wife be less courteous to  
each other than they are compelled to be to their  
very servants? Says a devoted lover, tripping  
over his lady-love's feet one day previous to  
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toilette-woman?" The same gentleman, having  
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THERE was only a limited attendance at Wood-  
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great spirit, and was enthusiastically received.

"Good day, Boss," and several other popular  
items, being heartily enjoyed. Owing to a  
difficulty having cropped up at the eleventh  
hour, preventing the Company from performing  
in Canton as arranged, a few more performances  
will be given at Bowington, particulars of which  
will be found in our advertising columns. An  
exceptionally good show is promised for to-night.

THE *Diario de Manila* of February 27th says  
that the coast steamer *N. S. del Carmen* has  
brought back from Balabac the members of the  
Lighthouse Commission, who have been  
inspecting all the light-houses at work or in  
course of construction in the southern part of  
the Philippine Islands. While visiting the neighbourhood  
of the Uruian Islands (Balabac Strait) they  
saw the abandoned British barque *Argyle* whose  
wreck was reported recently, the crew having  
already arrived here. The Spanish gunboats  
*Alfonsina* and *Calamian*, stationed in those  
waters, were standing by the wreck, to render  
any assistance required. The barque was  
bound from Iloilo to Montreal, with a full cargo  
of sugar which is now entirely destroyed; but  
the vessel herself may be saved.

WITHIN five years, says a Wisconsin paper,  
more whalers will sail around Cape Horn  
in a year than any other class of vessels, because  
they will make a steamship's time and carry a  
safer cargo. The round trip of a sailing vessel  
between New York and San Francisco, including  
loading and unloading, consumes the better part  
of a year, nine months being quick work.  
Cargoes range in value from \$100,000 to  
\$250,000. The rate per ton is about \$750. The  
Hawley *W. W.* has made the trip to  
San Francisco in sixty days, with a cargo  
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\$1,800, the freight paying a passage (figuring  
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REFERRING to "Gendarme's" letter regarding  
the forthcoming Athletic Sports, published in our  
issue of the 4th inst., "P.C." writes:—"Gendarme"  
does not know enough. The Police would not  
be allowed to enter a team for the tug-of-war  
in our sports on the 12th inst. These sports  
are for amateurs only and in the matter of a  
tug-of-war the "bobbies" must be looked upon  
as professionals. The "Acting Dominions of  
the Force" is, I am quite sure, already ready  
to encourage true sports. We fail to follow  
"P.C.'s" contention that, so far as the Police  
is concerned, the Police must be regarded as  
professionals. If they are qualified to enter for  
the other events, they are equally eligible for the  
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this contemptible snobbery carried on in con-  
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AT the meeting of the Legislative Council to be  
held on Monday next, at 3 p.m. the following  
will be the business:—  
Financial Minutes.  
Finance Committee Reports Nos. 2 and 3.  
First reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance  
to give effect to the change in name and style of  
the Surveyor General and Surveyor General's  
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NOTE—A meeting of the Finance Committee  
will be held immediately after the meeting of  
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SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. Justice Fielding Clarke.)

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A CIRCUIS IN THE COURT.

Bala Singh, a watchman, sued S. Reich,  
manager of Woodyear's Circus, for \$12 wages  
due. The defence was that plaintiff had not  
earned the money, as through his gross negli-  
gence a coil of rope valued at \$60 had been  
stolen. Evidence having been given on both  
sides, His Lordship said that the proper way to  
meet plaintiff's action was to enter a cross  
action for damages through negligence. In the  
present action judgment must be given for the  
plaintiff, with stay of execution for a week in  
order to allow the Circus proprietors to sue on  
their counterclaim.

THE CHARGE AGAINST THE  
OPIUM FARMER.

At the Magistrate's afternoon Koh Cheng  
Seau, late lessee of the opium monopoly,  
appeared again on remand, charged with embe-  
zzlement of over \$10,000. As before, Mr. Francis  
prosecuted and Mr. Denny's defended.

Choi Tien Su, assistant cashier, was further  
examined by Mr. Francis as to the details of  
transactions appearing in the farm books. All  
money received over the counter was put during  
the day in a wooden chest.

Mr. Francis:—And in the evening, what is  
done with it?







